(e) by when a final decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) to (e) Some participants in the 21st Central India Horse Mutiny were mistakenly sanctioned Freedom Fighters' Pension under the Freedom Fighters' Pension Scheme, 1972. Their pension was suspended in 1976 because the 21st Central India Horse Mutiny was not recognised for grant of pension under the cnetral pension Scheme, The question of recognition of various army mutinies including the 21st Central India Horss Mutiny was considered on eeveral occasions during the period 1974-83 and it was decided not to recognise the same under the central pension Scheme.

The matter was considered again in all its aspects by the Government on 17-2-94 and it was decided to introduce a Special Pension Scheme to assist the participants in seven army mutinies including the 21st Central India Horse Motiny. The Special Pension Scheme provides for grant of Special Pension @ Rs. 900/- per month with effect from 1-8-93 to the participants in these mutinies including the widows of those who were sentenced to death or have since passed away, subject to verification of their particulars/sufferings by the Ministry of Defence.

Special Pension has so far been sanctioned in 64 of the 104 cases relating to the 21st Central India Horse Mutiny verified by the Ministry of Defence; in I caSe clarificatton has been sought from the applicant and in 39 cases, receipt of Identification Documents is awaited.

Escalation *of* tension by Pak PM's visit to US

*514. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the visit of Pakistan Prime Minister, Mr. Benazir Bhutto, to US and her anti-India tirade has escalated the tension in the Indian sub-continent; and

(b) whether Government have drawn the attention of the US Govemment to this attempt of Pakistan to generate arms race and tension in the region?

THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRl R. L. BHATIA): (a) The several statements of the Pakistan Prime Minister directed against India during her US visit further vitiated the atmosphere of bilateral relations and ran counter to the universally accepted norms of inter-state relations. Government regard Pakistan's anti-India campaign to be in contravention of the spirit of the Simla Agreement.

(b) Government have conveyed their concern to the US Government on seve ral becasions about the adverse effect on India's security environment of any induc tion of frontline weapon Systems by Pakistan. Attention has been drawn to the fact that such sophisticated and high performance weapon systems inducted by Pakistan have traditionally been used against India. It has been conveyed that Government remain committed to the policy of taking all steps necessary to counter any adverse effects on India's national security.

Catering cervices in Rajdhani and Shatabadi Trains

*515. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to State:

(a) whether the passenger fares being charged for travelling in Rajdhani and Shatabadi trains include catering charges also;

(b) if so, the per capita expenditure incurred thereon;

(c) the criteria being adopted in regard to the standard of catering Services and the way in which it is followed, and

(d) whether any periodical inspection of the food served was done during 1994-95 or any complaints were received from

passengers on the quality of food served giving the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHR C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) Details of Rajdhani and Shatabdi Express trains in which catering charges are including in the passenger fares and the extent thereof are ,given below:—

Rajdhani Express

S.No.	Train between	Catering charges Ist AC	2AC/3AC
(i)	New Delhi-Bombay Central	220	120
(ii)	Nizamuddin-Bombay Central (August-Kranti Rajdhani)	220	120
(iii)	New Delhi-Howrah (Via Patna)	220	120
(iv)	New Delhi-Howrah (Via Gaya)	220	120
(v)	New Delhi-Bhubaneswar	325	180
(vi)	New Delhi-Guwahati	385	220

Shatabadi Expresv

		Executive Class	AC/Chair Car
(i)	New Delhi-Kalka	60	40
(ii)	New Delhi-Lucknow	90	60
(ii)	New Delhi-Chandigarh	60	40
(iv)	New Delhi-Dehradun	90	60
(v)	New Delhi-Bhopal	180	120
(vi)	New Delhi-Amritsar	90	60
(vii)	New Delhi-Jaipur	90	60
(viii)	Bombay Central-Ahmedabad	90	60
(ix)	Madras-Mysore	90	60
(x)	New Delhi-Kathgodam Special	90	60

(c) Criteria for improving the standard of catering services includes measures such as induction of reputed and professional caterers and prescribing of special menus for Rajdhani and Shatabadi Express trains. Zonal Railways carry but frequent checks to ensure proper Standard of service to the passengers.

(d) During 1994-95, 103-inspections were undertaken by the Zonal Railways on Rajdhani and Shatabadi Express trains and appropriate steps were taken to being about further improvements.